

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, The bald eagle is a state and federal threatened species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and the Department of Agriculture have the responsibility to protect and restore endangered species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Natural resource management benefits from an informed and involved public; and,

Whereas, Bald Eagle Awareness Days have been conducted since 1993, bringing an educational message about birds of prey to thousands of school-aged children and the public; and,

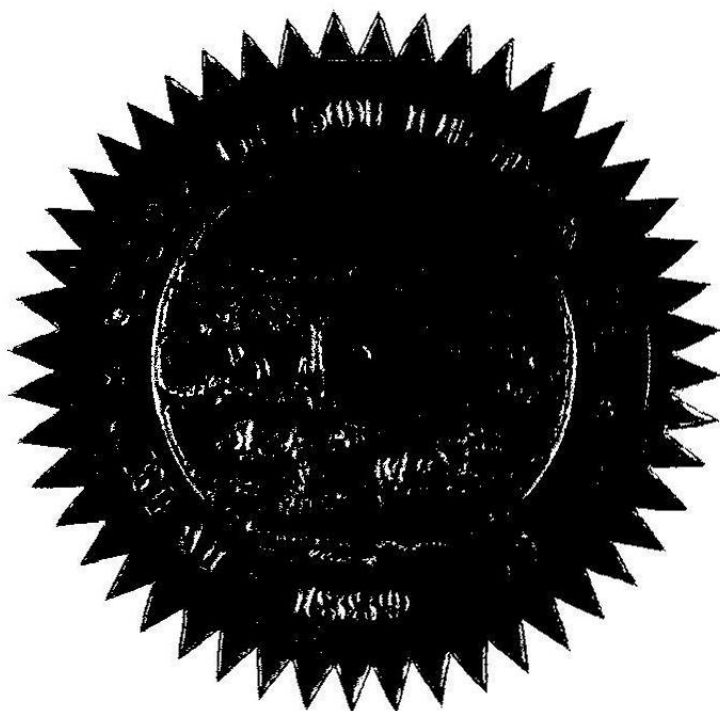
Whereas, The designation of Bald Eagle Awareness Week would expand the educational message in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle Awareness Days Steering Committee desires to promote educational activities associated with bald eagles and other birds of prey in connection with Bald Eagle Awareness Week:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 2005, as

BALD EAGLE AWARENESS WEEK


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State